

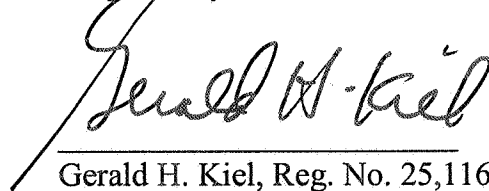
REMARKS

The Examiner has identified 15 species in this case and requires that one such species to be elected in the event that no generic claim is allowable.

In response, applicant elects Species #1: Figs. 1A-2, 5A-14D (snap fastener 10). The following claims are believed readable on this Species: claims 38, 39-45, 48-55, 56, 61, 62 and 68. This response is made with traverse in the belief that a single inventive concept is presented in the claims.

An early and favorable action on the merits of this case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerald H. Kiel", is written over a horizontal line.

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